Statement-IV

S. No.	Name of the State/Region	No. of assessee having taxable income of ten lakhs and above for Assessment Year 1992-93
1.	Gujarat	736
2.	Karnataka	534
3.	Madhya Pradesh	182
4.	Maharashtra	4,800
5.	West Bengal	818
6.	Kerala	275
7.	Delhi	1,521
8.	Andhra Pradesh	261
9.	Rajasthan	97
10.	Uttar Pradesh	320
11.	Tamil Nadu	999
12.	North, West Region (Punjab & Haryana & H.P. and J&K)	271
13.	Patna Region (Bihar & Orissa and NER)	226
	TOTAL :	11,100

Grants *by* TDA of US for feasibility report on Auto wheel unit

7508. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Trade and Development Agency (TDA) has agreed to grant about a crore of rupees to an Indian company to conduct a feasibility study and prepare a project report for an export-oriented Alu-minimum auto-wheel manufacturing unit in Karnataka; and

(b) if s», the details of the proposals and agree* time-frame for the sub*is-sie» »f the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (B) US Trade and developmentt Agency have agreed to provide a grant of US $ 250.000 to RPG Industries Ltd. for preparing a feasibility study for their proposed joint venture project to be set lip at Bangalore for manufacturing aluminium automotive wheels. The feasibility study will cover detailed technological evaluation, identification of suppliers of equipments and other relevant factors with a view to finalise a detailed project report. The US Embassy has informed that the study will he conducted by a US consultant and is likely to be completed within six Months from its commencement.

Pendency of tan assessments and tomtfag tax arrears

75m, SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister #f F1NANSS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i, a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has voiced serious anxiety ever the rising pendency of tax assessments J unci mounting ta^ arrears:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ; umber at' such pending cases has new exceeded 3* lakhs, involving tax arrears amounting to more than Rs. 9,408 ere-res: and

(c) so, whether Goverament pre-pose to set action plan targets either by simplification of procedures or deployment of adequate staff and also by putting a moratorium on disposal of such pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI *M. V.* CHANDRASHEK.HAR M(RTHY): fa) The Report of the C and AG far the year 1992-93 has referred to the pending assessments and the incre-i^ in the arre-ars of demand.

(b) The no. of scrutiny assessments pending as en 31-3-93 w«i only 2.23 lakhs. The arrears as on 31 . 3 .93 amounted to Rs, 9488.54 crores in 38.10.428 cases as stated in C and AG's Report for J 992-93,

(c) While inert is no moratorium en disposal of pending cases, [he Action Plan targets for the current financial year have been so designed as to ensure maximum possible disposal of pending assessments and liquidation o| arrear demand with the existing manpower.

Spiralling inflation

7510. SHRI B. *K.* HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister Of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have takes cognizance Of tHE double digit inflation still showing nO signs of abating:

(b) whether Government agree with the study of the Centre for Monitoring Indian economy that sharp increases is procurement prices of foodgrains like rice audi wheat have contributed re the spiralling fathetion; and

c) whether Government would also examine the proposition contained in the study that a corresponding reduction in farm input subsidies would help balance the distortion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THe MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MU/RTHY): (a) The Government is concerned about the present rate of inflation which has ranged from 10.25 per cent to 11.2 per cent in April-May. The latest inflation rati for the week ending 28 May, 1994 is 10.6 per cent,

(h) Increase in the Minimum support/ procurement prices of foodgrains is only a partial cause for the recent uptrend in the inflation rate.

(c) The possibility of reduction in farm input subsidies is under constant review and it is the Govt's intention to restrict input subsidy expansion as *fur* as possible.

Cost of collecting direct taxes

7511. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tax arrears continue to mount, despite the action plan targets to reduce then;

b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) what was the cost of collection of all direct taxes during 1.992-93:

(d) what was its percentage to the total collection;

it) whether this cost of collestien shews a rising or downward wend; and

if) what steps goverament have taken to contain the problems Mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEK.HAR MURTHY); ta) Vs. Sir.